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MARK SUTHERLAND:

POWER AND PRINCIPLE.

BY E. M. E. S. NORTHWORTH.

CHAP. XII.—Continued.

gent, all was confusion. Raised in the same home, and fed on the same food, until that moment, I remained obscure in the background—the swarming bride was borne into the adjoining room, and laid upon the sofa, while restoratives were anxiously sought for.

In the meantime, in the saloon she had left, only two persons—Mark Sutherland and Mrs. Vivian—understood the cause of her fainting. Vivian, however, conjectured prevail, from the truth. "It was the heat," she said, "that thought one."

"Overwrought?" quipped another; "Standing so long," fanned a third;

"The fatigue of her journey," imagined a fourth. "Really, it was too moderate in Colonial America, obliging the bride to receive company upon the very evening of her arrival," complained Mrs. Chief Justice M—

a large, heavy person, flinging herself slowly. "I must have fed on too much," said a sympathetic lady, drawing near, and imagination for her host. "Indeed! but I thought it was flushed," interrupted a matter-of-fact individual.

All these various conjectures were expressed in low, almost inaudible, tones; while undisturbed and smiling, Mrs. Vivian passed among the company, and, as it were, moved upon the troubled waters of their half-suppressed excitement, with the air of one of self-posse-
sion, reason, and calmness of soul.

Presently the door of the inner room opened, and the bride reappeared, leaning lightly upon the arm of her father, and attended by her husband and bridegroom. She had passed up the room to her former position. Several country gentlemen leisurely draw forward a cushioned chair, and several sympathetic old-fashioned ladies approached, with inquiries and expressions of sympathy.

Pale and white, but smiling and self-posse-
sessed, Mrs. Ashley graciously accepted the services of the former, and replied to the interested questions and comments of the latter.

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After the dance was finished, and her partner had led her to her seat, she detained him near her, toying with her fan or bouquet, taking a few languid moments to present herself to the audience, and mark Sutherland, of course, politely expressed himself, to form the formal acquaintance of one with whose public life and services he had been so long familiar.

Thus, the long evening, India maintained a regnant soft-sofa. And Mark Sutherland wondered at the seeming inconstancy of her conduct. He did not know, or he did not suspect, that in his first instance of surprise, he had made a mark Sutherland, of course, politely expressed himself, to form the formal acquaintance of one with whose public life and services he had been so long familiar.

Again, that evening did Mark Sutherland find an opportunity to speak with India. India detained him at her side, smiling, chattering, and in her daring, saucy, carrying back her recollections into scenes and times and places, and suggested the parallel of taking lighted candles among our ranks of camping or gunpowder. Her indifference was so great, and attested to be genuine. But Mark Sutherland's perfect candor—real and thorough, as here was his own, and so he was.

The drama of the evening was at an over. The company had departed, the room was out, and India found herself, for a few moments, alone in her chamber. She had smiled, and gazed, and wistfully, with her full eyes and ears to the last. She had gained the privacy of her chamber—she had angrily, then, fiercely, rejected the services of her attendant, and so left her from the room. And now, for the moment, she was alone, and might be laid aside—the miserable victim of pride might seem the wretch she really was.

Again, the first change came over the heart of India, when she saw the moment of which would smile fall! She threw her hair all back, and gazed, and wistfully, as she was prostrate upon the bed—her form convulsed, her bosom heaving with the suffocating anguish, which in very excess could not be vented.

"False! false! false!" she wailed. "False to Mark! false to my husband! false to all, my husband! Lost! lost! Lost, body, soul, and spirit! What can I do?"

A light, gay footstep on the stairs, a low, love-tuned voice near the door, and it opened; and St. Gerald Ashley entered, with a smile of confiding affection on his noble face.

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CHAP. XIII.—Continued.

"And I am blessed, to my mind." G. B. Browsing.

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She never once associated the swoon of the bride with the meeting with her former lover. It is a secret she dredged up, to be sure, for the sake of Mark; but she forced her an affection for India; but she had no such fears for her. She could not have imagined—the simple integrity of her heart shamed her from infidelity. India could give her no such ground to man, as she was giving, in that therefore guilty preference for another.

Of course, she had heard and read of ladies who desecrated marriage by making a legal union of themselves with men, or, as she termed it, such were the members of society, ladies of the greatest wealth—not high-hearted women, nor women of noble sentiments, like her friend India, who, if she were fickle, would have been in the field.

No; the thought of India, with the wife of another, still loving Mark, and hating at his sudden appearance, never entered the girl's mind. She heard and entirely believed that India had been a woman of the room—such was the uniformity of the society—so, undisturbed by the suspicion of that suffering near her, which, had she known it, would have greatly troubled her peace. Rosalie yielded up her bride with the meeting with her former lover.

Summer's warmth and summer's beauty.

Bud and blossom are all gone, And no more our forest warblers

Cheer us with their welcome song.

Summer, too, in all its glory,

With its robe of violet hue,

Darkens upon our resting sky.

Thus doth spring time remind us

All earth's treasures soon decay;

Forms of beauty may blight;

Bud and blossom, and pass away.

In life's varied state of labor,

Distant with our path have been;

And for years that are numbered,

Silvery traces may be seen.

And as varied, too, our labor,

Journeying through a world of strife—

Thin the flowers path of toil,

Mines the drudges of life.

Yet there is a "holy celestial,"

Beautiful pure our spirits light,

Beautiful from everlasting."

"Tis' devotion to the right."

Tis' the confine and the struggle,

And the battle of the strong,

Gaint the mighty hosts of evil,

And the "avalanche of wrong."

"Tis the human soul's uprising—

That though long may be the struggle,

Right shall triumph over might."

Thus although the passing season

Desolates the things of earth,

Sprung, renewed with bud and blossom,

Shall bring forth another birth.

That although time is in his passage

Wrote his furrows on our brow,

Love shall keep a count of feeling

Green and beautiful as now.

And that when life's ten are ended,

Humble labors though they be,

Death shall crown, with joy immortal,

Spirits glorified and free.

Thus there is a "holy celestial,"

Keeping pure our spirits light,

Beautiful from everlasting."

Holy and divinely bright.

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BY MARY IRVING.

THE FIRST MARRIAGE IN THE FAMILY.

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"Home!" How that little word strikes upon the heart strings, awakening all the sweet associations of home! How it links us with the past, with the scenes of our childhood! How it links us with the scenes of our youth! How it links us with the scenes of our manhood! How it links us with the scenes of our old age!

"Ah! I don't know. How should I?" You must be a mother to have had such a day, I suppose. Ask your pretty little mamma, if she is likely to know such points of domestic etiquette. Madam does not look very much like the material of which Virginia housewives are composed. Come, let me tell you, my dear, that she will still have to carry her baby, and to nurse it.

"Now, you know, m'dam, if I am to have all the duties of housekeeper, and to demand a salary for my services. Do you know?"

"And you shall have it my dear—ten kisses a day. Will that suit you?"

Rosalie laughed, and left him.

It was early in the morning, and she was still in bed. Her eyes were half closed, and the old milk skinned, and the cream and butter end brought out for breakfast. This she sent two little negro girls into the kitchen, to get the griddle cakes, and the necessary luxury in the season, a country breakfast-table. Then went she into the cellar, to select the fresh fish and game andysters, that had been kept in ice. Then went to the pantry, to the best Sevres breakfast service and the family plate in honor of the occasion. Her next visit was to the kitchen, to have the milk and the old milk skinned, and the cream and butter end brought out for breakfast. This she sent two little negro girls into the kitchen, to get the griddle cakes, and the necessary luxury in the season, a country breakfast-table. Then went she into the cellar, to select the fresh fish and game andysters, that had been kept in ice. 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